

tive Banks is controlled by Cooperative Department of the State concerned as well as RBI. The control of RBI is exercised through its regulatory, supervisory, operational and promotional functions. One of the objectives of the control is safe guarding the interests of depositors of these banks. During the course of inspection of Urban Cooperative Bank conducted by RBI and audit done by the Cooperative Department, necessary records/books of accounts etc. are checked keeping the above point in view.

Violation of R. B. I. Directives by Commercial Banks

6825. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commercial banks are flouting directives of Reserve Bank of India regarding operation of post shipment export credit denominated in foreign currency at international interest reads as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated 29.1.1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Reserve Bank of India have reported that they have not come across any case of violation of their instructions in regard to US Dollar Denominated Post Shipment Export Credit.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Checking of Baggages of Passengers

6826. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether the baggages of passengers travelling from Bombay to Delhi by Air

India flights are checked at the airport while boarding the plane;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken in this regard to avoid any mishap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

[Translation]

Loss of Excise Duty Due to Illegal Manufacture of Television Sets

6827. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of annual loss of excise duty to the Government due to illegal manufacture of television sets;

(b) whether any drive has been launched to streamline the functioning of all the Collectortates of Central Excise to check evasion of excise duty;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and
 (d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) It is not possible to estimate the extent of loss of excise duty suffered by the Government due to illegal manufacture of television sets, as such manufacture is a clandestine activity;

(b) to (d). Pursuant to the directions issued by Central Board of Excise & Customs in November, 1991, the Collectors of Central Excise launched a concerted anti